consideration regarding free movement between Myanmar and India in More (India) and Tamu (Myanmar)?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) According to available information, there are 24 Indian nationals lodged in various jails in Myanmar. Relevant details (such as the name, age, term of sentence etc) of these persons are given in Annexure. *[see Appendix 188, Annexure No. 25].*

(b) Under the provisions of the Vienna Convention on Consular Relations 1963, the Embassy of India, Yangon has sought and been granted consular access to these prisoners by the Government of Myanmar.

(c) No, Sir.

Peace gesture offered by Pervez Musharraf

932. SHRIMATI JAYAPRADA NAHATA:
SHRI AMAR SINGH:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the details of peace gesture offered by General Pervez Musharraf of Pakistan who now wields absolute power in Pakistan; and

(b) what is Government's reaction in regard thereto?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI JASWANT SINGH): (a) and (b) The military coup in Pakistan has not altered Pakistan's aggressive approach and hostile policies towards India. Pakistani spokesmen continue with their violent anti-India propaganda. Pakistan's sponsorship of cross-border terrorism in the State of Jammu & Kashmir and elsewhere in India has also continued unabated. Pakistani forces have also continued firing across the Line of Control and the International Border in Jammu & Kashmir. Pakistan has made no moves to withdraw troops from the Line of Control where they had been inducted in large numbers during its armed intrusion and aggression in the Kargil sector.

India is committed to resolving all outstanding issues with Pakistan in accordance with the Simla Agreement and the Lahore Declaration. We expect Pakistan to demonstrate its adherence to these agreements

by abandoning its sponsorship of cross-border terrorism and hostile propaganda against India. We will continue to take all necessary steps to safeguard our security and territorial integrity.

Extension of support to Indonesia

933. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken to extend support to Indonesia in the context of the challenges faced by that country to its territorial integrity;

(b) whether Government have provide/intend to provide humanitarian assistance to Indonesia to meet its requirements regarding refugees from East Timor; and

(c) whether Government have received any request/suggestion from Government of Indonesia?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI AJIT KUMAR PANJA): (a) Government of India respects the territorial integrity of Indonesia and believe in non-interference in its internal affairs;

(b) Government of India has donated 500 MT of rice to the Government of Indonesia for the East Timorese who had moved to West Timor in Indonesia;

(c) The Government of Indonesia have appreciated the stand and assistance of the Government of India.

US President's Visit to India

934. SHRI E. BALANANDAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the proposed visit of U.S. President, Bill Clinton to India is designed to ensure that India sign the CTBT;

(b) what agreements are sought to be signed between the two countries during the said visit;

(c) whether Government have been apprised of the areas in which US investment is likely to be stepped up in Indian economy consequent upon the Presidential visit; and